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Harrisburg Academy to Honor 2016 Alumni Achievement Awards Recipients and Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees at Alumni Weekend

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is proud to announce the recipients of the 2016 Alumni Achievement Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame inductees — **Colonel William Dodson '73, Jay Friedlander '86, Kristen Pfautz Woolley '88, William Higgins '96, Stacy Adler Smith '83, and Eric Clark '03.**

These six graduates will join this circle of distinguished Academy alumni at a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 at 1:10 p.m. in McCormick Auditorium. The ceremony is free and open to the Academy community (visit www.HarrisburgAcademy.org/AlumniWeekend for more information or to RSVP).

The awards ceremony will be held as part of [Alumni Weekend 2016](#) on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, a weekend dedicated to bringing Academy alumni together to catch up with friends and the latest news of the Academy community. In addition to the awards ceremony, the Academy will be hosting a number of events, including alumni gatherings, informational seminars, family fun events, and a closing Distinguished Alumni Concert featuring a number of professional alumni musicians and showcasing the school's new music suite (funded through [Bold Ambition: The Campaign for Harrisburg Academy](#)).

Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

Colonel William Dodson '73

Professional Achievement Award – This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by an individual in his or her career or professional life.

Colonel William Dodson '73 is a graduate of Emory University and Duke University School of Medicine. He completed his internship at Spartanburg Regional Level I Trauma Medical Center and his residency in physical medicine at George Washington University. He is a graduate of the one-year undersea hyperbaric medicine fellowship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Florida. He was selected for the United States Air Force residency in aerospace medicine, which included a master's degree in public health from the University of Texas, formal U.S. Air Force long courses in water survival at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida, and land survival courses at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington. He was appointed chief resident for occupational medicine, and graduated from the program in 2000.

Jay Friedlander '86

Academic Achievement Award – This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by an individual in his or her academic pursuits.

From his experiences as a natural and organic food entrepreneur, strategy consultant to Fortune 100 companies, and professor of entrepreneurship, Jay Friedlander '86 created the Abundance Cycle to merge sustainability and business strategy. The model is actionable, providing businesses with new perspectives, a catalyst for innovation, and a clear pathway forward. The Abundance Cycle builds on competitive strengths and weaves in the latest tactics enterprises are using across the globe to maximize prosperity for shareholders, the planet, and society.

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Kristen Pfautz Woolley '88

Service to Humanity Award – This award recognizes an individual who in his or her personal or professional life has demonstrated a commitment to bettering the lives of others in their community, nation or the world.

Kristen Pfautz Woolley '88 received a bachelor's degree in nursing from West Virginia University, and a master's degree in social work from University of Maryland. She is a licensed Pennsylvania registered nurse and a licensed Pennsylvania social worker who holds a post-graduate certificate in child sexual abuse treatment from Widener University. Kristen is trained in Sand Tray Therapy through the Sand Tray Training Institute of New Mexico and as a facilitator for the Darkness to Light program. She is a past two-term board member of the York County Children's Advocacy Center. In 2013, Kristen received the agency's Essence of Humanity Award. In 2014, YWCA York honored her as one of its Top 25 Extraordinary Women of York County.

William Higgins '96

Rising Star Award – This award recognizes a young person who has demonstrated promise and achievement in his or her professional life.

William Higgins '96 leads a talented and highly collaborative interdisciplinary team at IBM that provides IBMers with a common platform to design and deliver IBM commercial software products like Watson and internal apps like the IBM Intranet. Prior to his current work, Bill worked in IBM Design on an effort to harmonize IBM Design Thinking and design culture with modern engineering practices and engineering culture. Prior to that, he worked for nearly 10 years on commercial on-premises software products and software-as-a-service solutions.

Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

These individuals demonstrated an outstanding record of accomplishment in several seasons.

Stacy Adler Smith '83

Athletics Hall of Fame

Stacy Adler Smith '83 works as teacher assistant at Laurel Hill Primary School in Charleston, South Carolina. After graduating from Harrisburg Academy, Stacy went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Randolph College (then known as Randolph-Macon Woman's College), and a master's degree in education from Liberty University. Stacy was a three-sport athlete at the Academy, playing field hockey, basketball, and tennis, and serving as captain of the tennis team.

Eric Clark '03

Athletics Hall of Fame

Eric Clark '03 works as a director at BlueLine Rental in Harrisburg. After graduating from Harrisburg Academy, Eric earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from American University and a master's degree in business administration from Shippensburg University. Eric was a foundational member of the Academy's swimming team from its very beginning with only three team members. He holds numerous records to this day that serve as a challenge to the school's approximately 15 Varsity Swimming team athletes and 20-plus Youth Swimming team participants.

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About Harrisburg Academy:

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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